

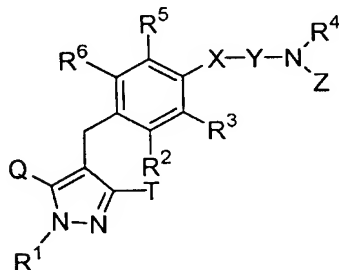
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

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CLAIMS

1. (original): A pyrazole derivative represented by the general formula:



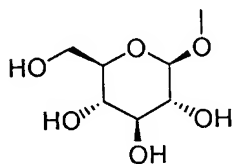
wherein

R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, a hydroxy(C₂₋₆ alkyl) group, a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl group, a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, or an aryl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting

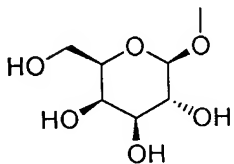
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of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group on the ring;

one of Q and T represents a group represented by the formula:



or a group represented by the formula:



while the other represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a halo(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group or a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl group;

R² represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a halo(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a halo(C₁₋₆ alkoxy) group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkoxy) group, a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl-substituted (C₂₋₆ alkoxy) group or -A-R^A in which A represents a single bond, an oxygen atom, a methylene group, an ethylene

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group, $-\text{OCH}_2-$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$; and R^{A} represents a C_3-7 cycloalkyl group, a C_2-6 heterocycloalkyl group, an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C_1-6 alkyl group, a C_1-6 alkoxy group, a C_2-6 alkenyloxy group, a halo(C_1-6 alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C_1-6 alkyl) group, a carboxy group, a C_2-7 alkoxycarbonyl group, a cyano group and a nitro group, or a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom and a C_1-6 alkyl group;

X represents a single bond, an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;

Y represents a C_1-6 alkylene group which may be substituted by a hydroxy group or a C_2-6 alkenylene group;

Z represents $-\text{R}^{\text{B}}$, $-\text{COR}^{\text{C}}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{\text{C}}$, $-\text{CON}(\text{R}^{\text{D}})\text{R}^{\text{E}}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NHR}^{\text{F}}$ or $-\text{C}(=\text{NR}^{\text{G}})\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{H}})\text{R}^{\text{I}}$;

R^{C} represents an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C_1-6 alkyl-

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sulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an amino group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (i);

R⁴, R^B, R^D, R^E and R^F are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an amino group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (i), or both of R⁴ and R^B bind together with the neighboring nitrogen atom to form a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋

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6 alkyl) group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, or both of R^D and R^E bind together with the neighboring nitrogen atom to form a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group;

R^G, R^H and R^I are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a carbamoyl group, a C₂₋₇ acyl group, a C₂₋₇ alkoxy carbonyl group, an aryl(C₂₋₇ alkoxy carbonyl) group, a nitro group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group, a sulfamide group, a carbamimidoyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (i), or both of R^G and R^H bind to form an ethylene group, or both of R^H and R^I bind together with the neighboring nitrogen atom to form a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an oxo

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group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group;

R³, R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group or a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group; and

substituent group (i) consists of a hydroxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, an amino group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino group, a mono or di[hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl)]amino group, an ureido group, a sulfamide group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)ureido group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)sulfamide group, a C₂₋₇ acylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group, a carboxy group, a C₂₋₇ alkoxycarbonyl group, -CON(R^J)R^K in which R^J and R^K are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, an amino group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino group, a mono or di[hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl)]amino group, an ureido group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆

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alkyl)ureido group, a C₂₋₇ acylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl-sulfonylamino group and a carbamoyl group, or both of R^J and R^K bind together with the neighboring nitrogen atom to form a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, an aryl(C₁₋₆ alkoxy) group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group on the ring, an aryl(C₁₋₆ alkylthio) group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group on the ring, a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl group, a C₂₋₆ heterocycloalkyl group, an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a

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C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an amino group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, and a C₁₋₄ aromatic cyclic amino group which may have a C₁₋₆ alkyl group as a substituent, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (original): A pyrazole derivative claimed in claim 1, wherein R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom, an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an amino group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl

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group which may have the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (i); R^B represents an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an amino group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (i); R^C represents an aryl group which has the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an amino group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which has the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (i); and

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substituent group (i) consists of a hydroxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, an amino group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino group, a mono or di[hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl)]amino group, an ureido group, a sulfamide group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)ureido group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)sulfamide group, a C₂₋₇ acylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group, a carboxy group, a C₂₋₇ alkoxycarbonyl group, -CON(R^J)R^K in which R^J and R^K are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, an amino group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino group, a mono or di[hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl)]amino group, an ureido group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)ureido group, a C₂₋₇ acylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group and a carbamoyl group, or both of R^J and R^K bind together with the neighboring nitrogen atom to form a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋

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6 alkyl group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, an aryl(C₁₋₆ alkoxy) group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group on the ring, an aryl(C₁₋₆ alkylthio) group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group on the ring, a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl group, a C₂₋₆ heterocycloalkyl group, an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an amino group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl

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group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, and a C₁₋₄ aromatic cyclic amino group which may have a C₁₋₆ alkyl group as a substituent, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (original): A pyrazole derivative claimed in claim 2, wherein Z represents -R^B; R^B represents an aryl group which has the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an amino group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which has the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (i); and

substituent group (i) consists of a hydroxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, an amino group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino group, a mono or di[hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl)]amino

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group, an ureido group, a sulfamide group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)ureido group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)sulfamide group, a C₂₋₇ acylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group, a carboxy group, a C₂₋₇ alkoxy carbonyl group, -CON(R^J)R^K in which R^J and R^K are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, an amino group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino group, a mono or di[hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl)]amino group, an ureido group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)ureido group, a C₂₋₇ acylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group and a carbamoyl group, or both of R^J and R^K bind together with the neighboring nitrogen atom to form a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-

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substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, an aryl(C₁₋₆ alkoxy) group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group on the ring, an aryl(C₁₋₆ alkylthio) group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group on the ring, a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl group, a C₂₋₆ heterocycloalkyl group, an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an amino group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆

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alkyl) group, and a C₁₋₄ aromatic cyclic amino group which may have a C₁₋₆ alkyl group as a substituent, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (original): A pyrazole derivative claimed in claim 3, wherein R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom; R^B represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which has the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (iA); and

substituent group (iA) consists of a hydroxy group, an amino group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino group, a carboxy group, a C₂₋₇ alkoxy carbonyl group and -CON(R^{JA})R^{KA} in which R^{JA} and R^{KA} are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, an amino group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino group and a carbamoyl group, or both of R^{JA} and R^{KA} bind together with the neighboring nitrogen atom to form a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group,

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. (original): A pyrazole derivative claimed in claim 4, wherein R^B represents a C_{1-6} alkyl group which has a carbamoyl group, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6. (original): A pyrazole derivative claimed in claim 2, wherein Z represents $-\text{CON}(R^D)R^E$, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. (original): A pyrazole derivative claimed in claim 6, wherein R^D represents a hydrogen atom; R^E represents a C_{1-6} alkyl group which has the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (iB); and substituent group (iB) consists of a hydroxy group, an amino group, a mono or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino group and $-\text{CON}(R^{JB})R^{KB}$ in which R^{JB} and R^{KB} are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, an amino group and a mono or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino group, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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8. (original): A pyrazole derivative claimed in claim 2, wherein Z represents $-C(=NR^G)N(R^H)R^I$, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. (original): A pyrazole derivative claimed in claim 8, wherein R^G represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group; R^H represents a hydrogen atom; R^I represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (iC); and substituent group (iC) consists of a hydroxy group, an amino group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino group, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

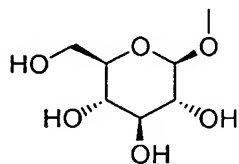
10. (original): A pyrazole derivative claimed in claim 2, wherein Z represents $-COR^C$; R^C represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which has a group selected from the following substituent group (iD); and substituent group (iD) consists of an amino group and $-CON(R^{JC})R^{KC}$ in which both of R^{JC} and R^{KC} bind together with the neighboring nitrogen atom to form a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which

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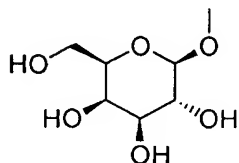
may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. (currently amended): A pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-10~~claim 1, wherein X represents a single bond or an oxygen atom; and Y represents an ethylene group or a trimethylene group, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

12. (currently amended): A pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-11~~claim 1, wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy(C₂₋₆ alkyl) group; T represents a group represented by the formula:



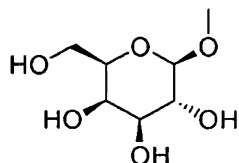
or a group represented by the formula:



Q represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group or a halo(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group; and R³, R⁵ and R⁶ represent a hydrogen atom, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

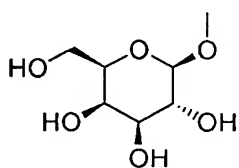
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13. (currently amended): A pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-11~~claim 1 wherein one of Q and T represents a group represented by the formula:



the other represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a halo(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group or a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl group, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. (currently amended): A pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~claim 12 or 13~~claim 12, wherein T represents a group represented by the formula:



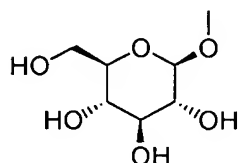
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15. (currently amended): A pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~claim 12 or 14~~claim 12, wherein Q represents an isopropyl group, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

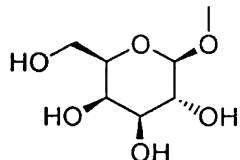
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16. (currently amended): A prodrug of a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-15~~claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. (original): A prodrug claimed in claim 16, wherein T represents a group represented by the formula:



or a group represented by the formula:

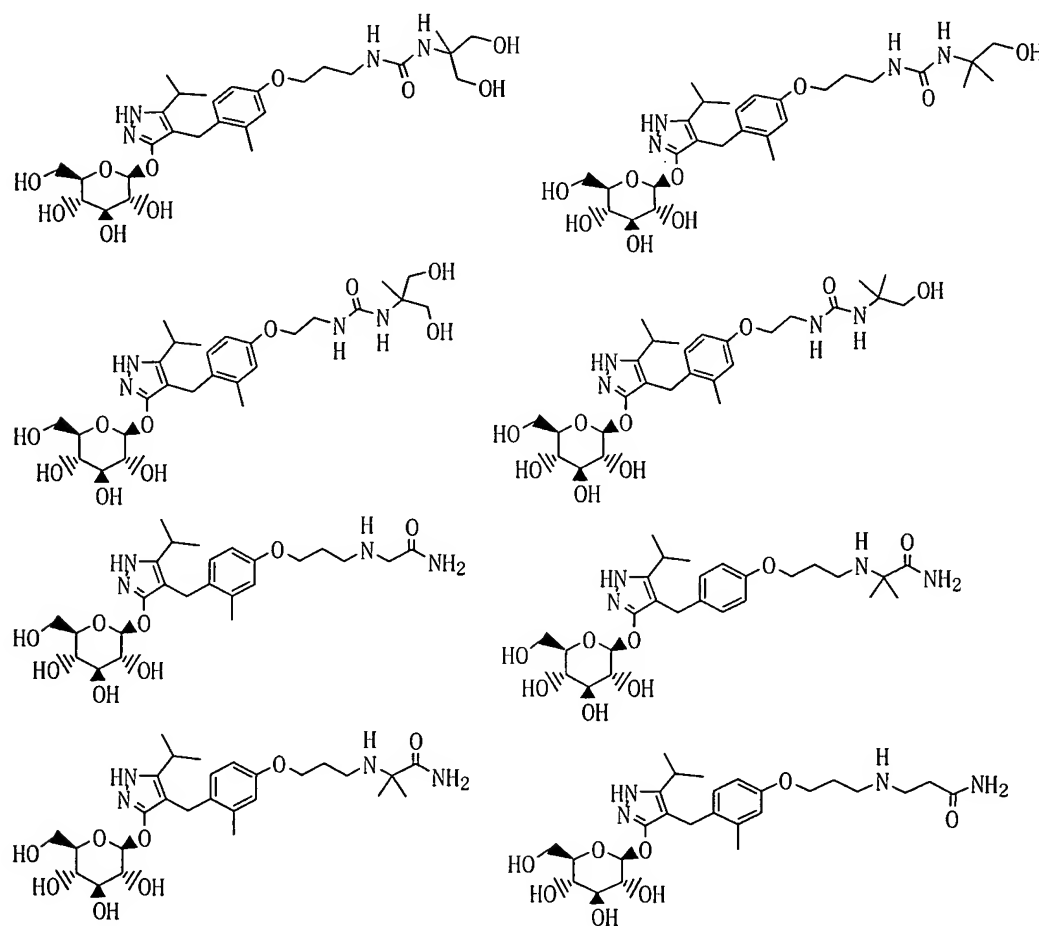


in which the hydroxy group at the 4-position is substituted by a glucopyranosyl group or a galactopyranosyl group, or the hydroxy group at the 6-position is substituted by a glucopyranosyl group, a galactopyranosyl group, a C₂₋₇ acyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-substituted (C₂₋₇ acyl) group, a C₂₋₇ alkoxycarbonyl-substituted (C₂₋₇ acyl) group, a C₂₋₇ alkoxycarbonyl group, an

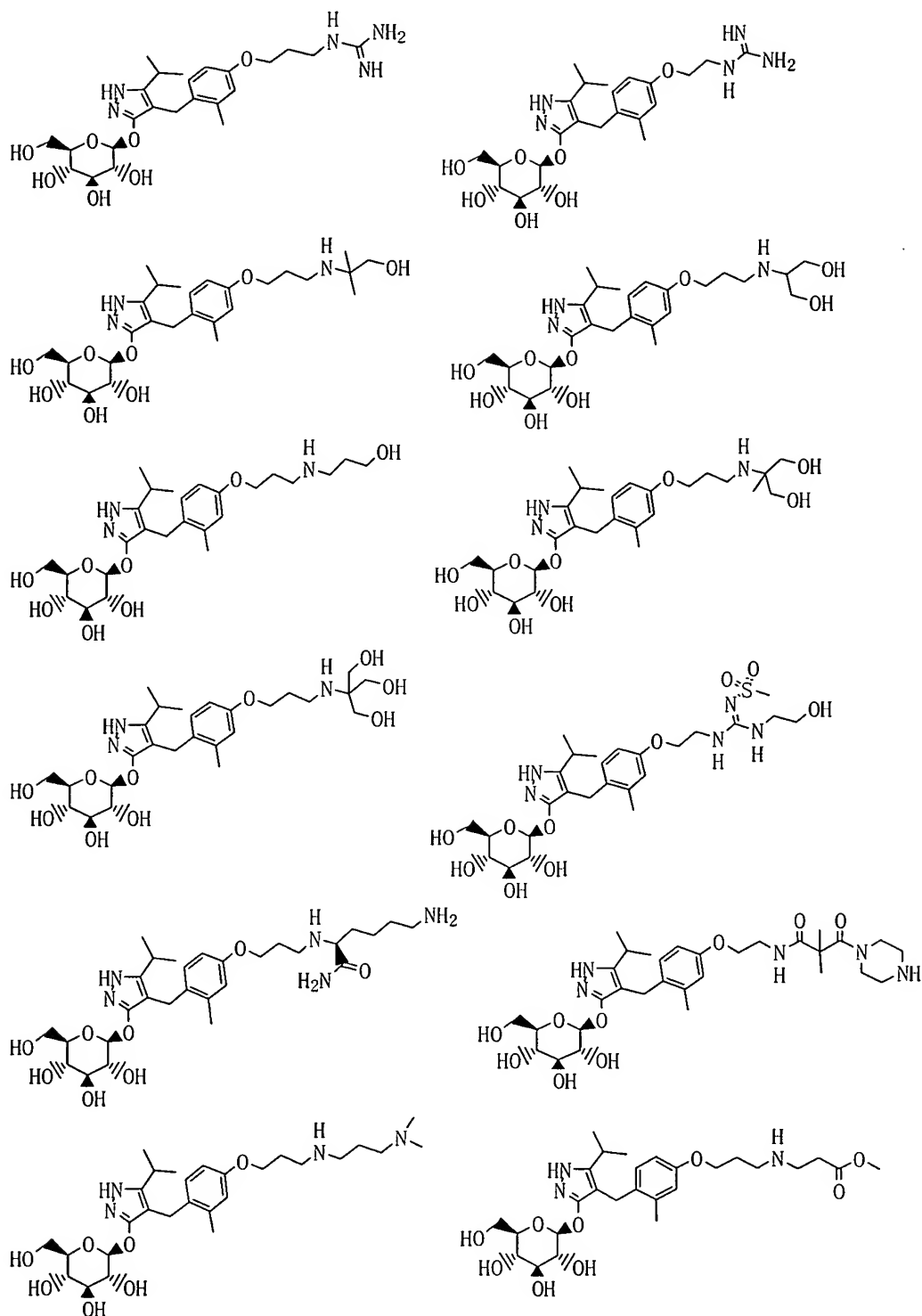
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aryl(C₂₋₇ alkoxy-carbonyl) group or a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-substituted (C₂₋₇ alkoxy-carbonyl) group.

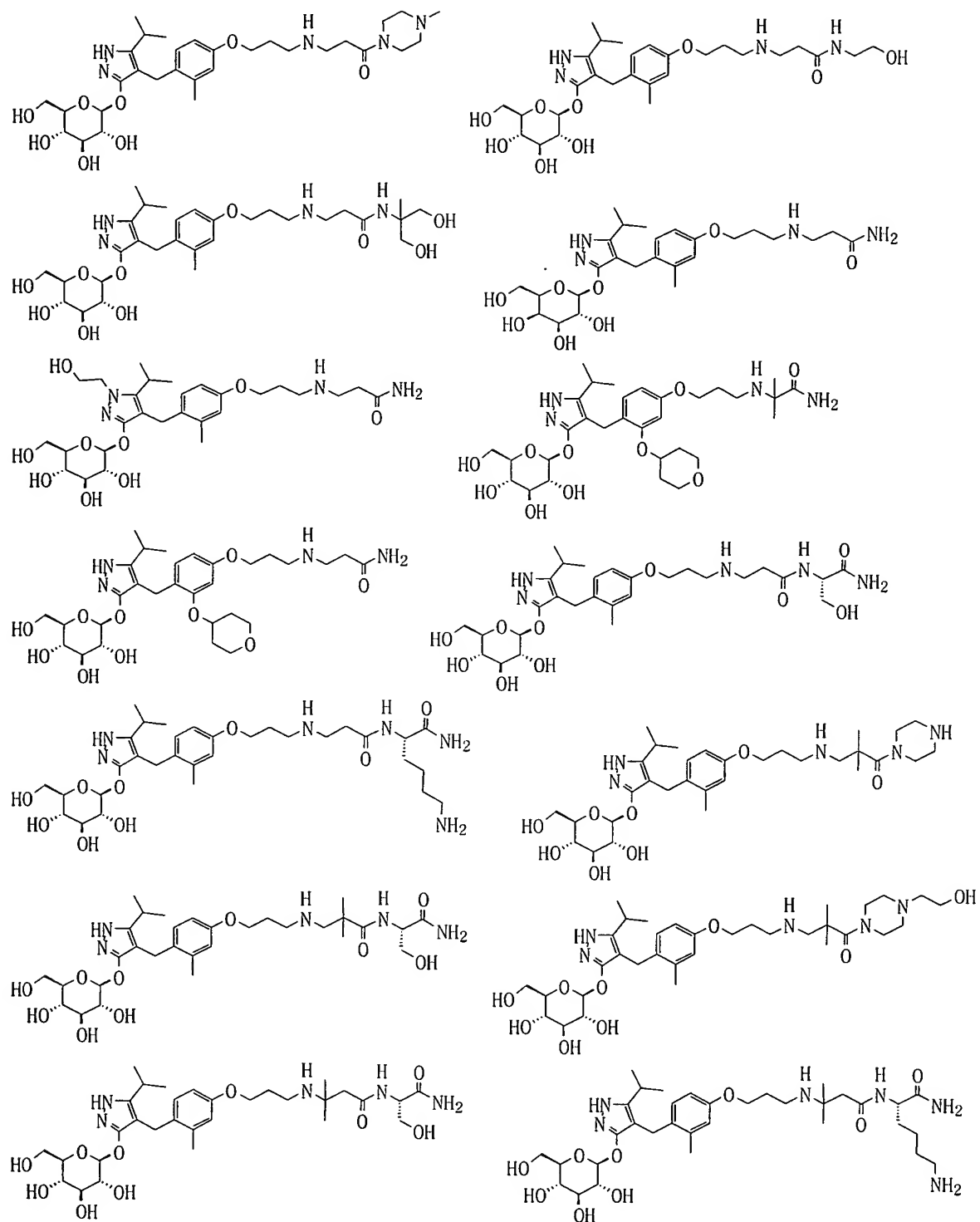
18. (currently amended): A pyrazole derivative as claimed in claim 1, which is a compound selected from the following group and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof[[.]]



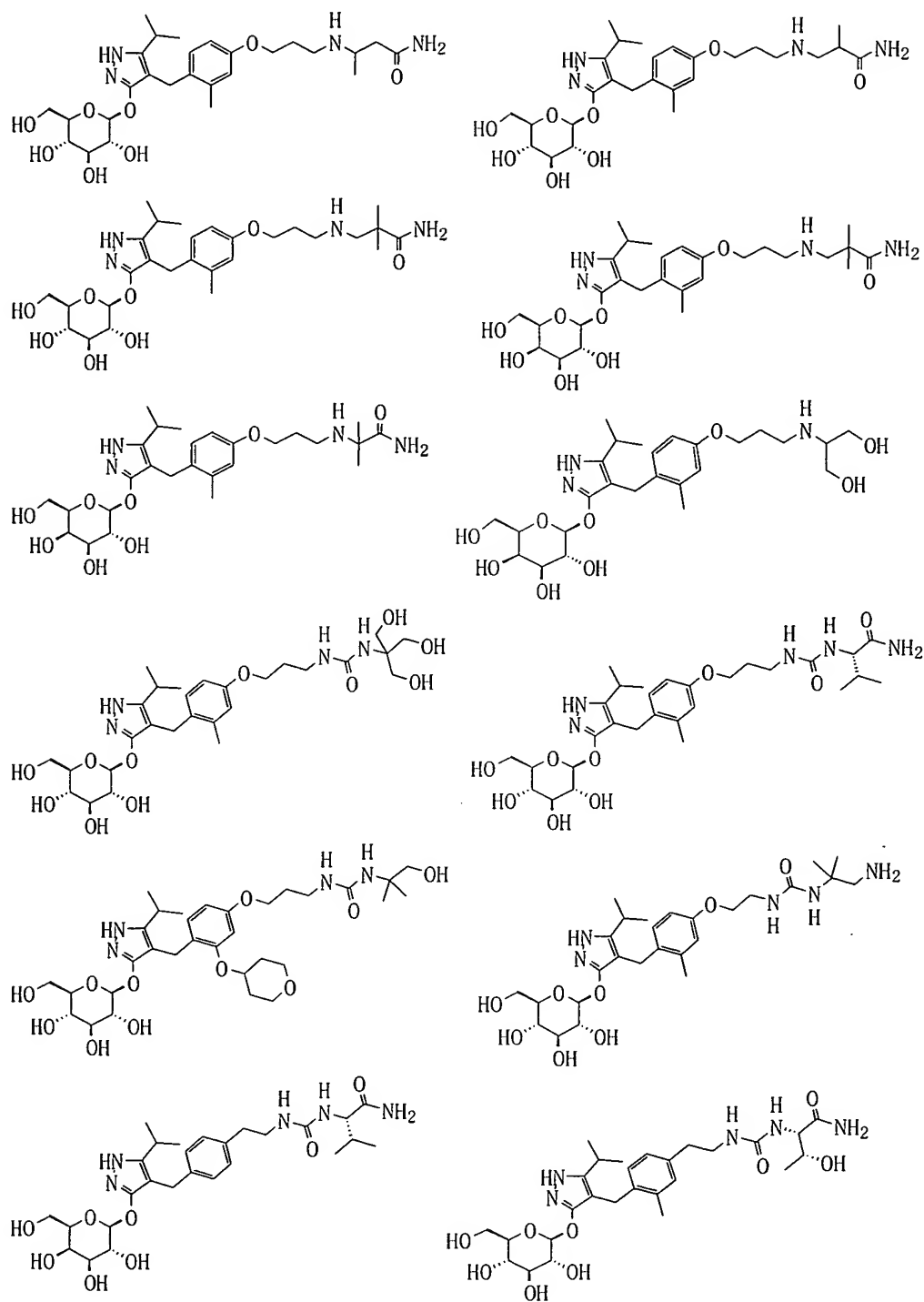
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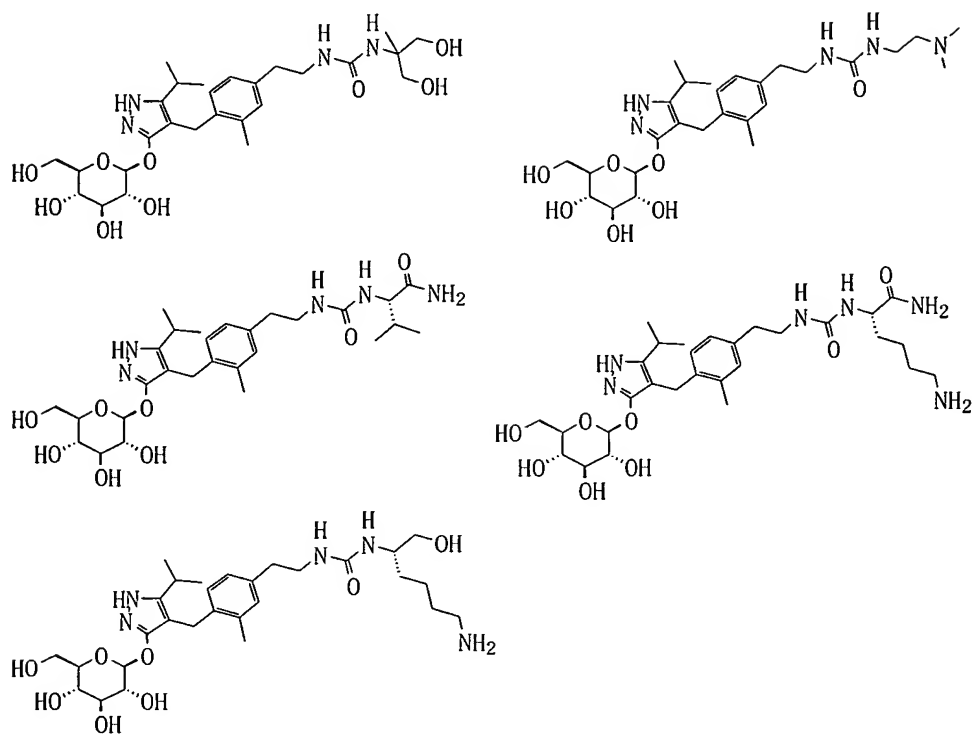
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19. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising as an active ingredient a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

20. (currently amended): A human SGLT1 inhibitor comprising as an active ingredient a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

21. (currently amended): An agent for inhibiting postprandial hyperglycemia comprising as an active ingredient a pyrazole

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derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

22. (currently amended): An agent for the prevention or treatment of a disease associated with hyperglycemia, which comprises as an active ingredient a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

23. (original): An agent for the prevention or treatment claimed in claim 22, wherein the disease associated with hyperglycemia is a disease selected from the group consisting of diabetes, impaired glucose tolerance, impaired fasting glycemia, diabetic complications, obesity, hyperinsulinemia, hyperlipidemia, hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia, lipid metabolism disorder, atherosclerosis, hypertension, congestive heart failure, edema, hyperuricemia and gout.

24. (currently amended): An agent for the inhibition of advancing impaired glucose tolerance or impaired fasting glycemia into diabetes in a subject, which comprises as an active ingredient a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of~~

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~~claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

25. (currently amended): An agent for the prevention or treatment of a disease associated with the increase of blood galactose level, which comprises as an active ingredient a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

26. (original): An agent for the prevention or treatment claimed in claim 25, wherein the disease associated with the increase of blood galactose level is galactosemia.

27. (original): A pharmaceutical composition claimed in claim 19, wherein the dosage form is sustained release formulation.

28. (currently amended): An agent claimed in ~~any one of claims 20-26~~claim 20, wherein the dosage form is sustained release formulation.

29. (currently amended): A method for the prevention or treatment of a disease associated with hyperglycemia, which comprises administering an effective amount of a pyrazole

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derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

30. (currently amended): A method for the inhibition of advancing impaired glucose tolerance or impaired fasting glycemia into diabetes in a subject, which comprises administering an effective amount of a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

31. (currently amended): A method for the prevention or treatment of a disease associated with the increase of blood galactose level, which comprises administering an effective amount of a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

32. (currently amended): A use of a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition for the prevention or treatment of a disease associated with hyperglycemia.

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33. (currently amended): A use of a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition for the inhibition of advancing impaired glucose tolerance or impaired fasting glycemia into diabetes in a subject.

34. (currently amended): A use of a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition for the prevention or treatment of a disease associated with the increase of blood galactose level.

35. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical combination which comprises (A) a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof, and (B) at least one member selected from the group consisting of an insulin sensitivity enhancer, a glucose absorption inhibitor, a biguanide, an insulin secretion enhancer, a SGLT2 inhibitor, an insulin or insulin analogue, a glucagon receptor antagonist, an insulin receptor kinase stimulant, a tripeptidyl peptidase II inhibitor, a dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor, a protein tyrosine phosphatase-1B

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inhibitor, a glycogen phosphorylase inhibitor, a glucose-6-phosphatase inhibitor, a fructose-bisphosphatase inhibitor, a pyruvate dehydrogenase inhibitor, a hepatic gluconeogenesis inhibitor, D-chiroinsitol, a glycogen synthase kinase-3 inhibitor, glucagon-like peptide-1, a glucagon-like peptide-1 analogue, a glucagon-like peptide-1 agonist, amylin, an amylin analogue, an amylin agonist, an aldose reductase inhibitor, an advanced glycation endproducts formation inhibitor, a protein kinase C inhibitor, a γ -aminobutyric acid receptor antagonist, a sodium channel antagonist, a transcript factor NF- κ B inhibitor, a lipid peroxidase inhibitor, an *N*-acetylated- α -linked-acid-dipeptidase inhibitor, insulin-like growth factor-I, platelet-derived growth factor, a platelet-derived growth factor analogue, epidermal growth factor, nerve growth factor, a carnitine derivative, uridine, 5-hydroxy-1-methylhidantoin, EGB-761, bimoclomol, sulodexide, Y-128, antidiarrhoics, cathartics, a hydroxymethylglutaryl coenzyme A reductase inhibitor, a fibric acid derivative, a β_3 -adrenoceptor agonist, an acyl-coenzyme A cholesterol acyltransferase inhibitor, probcol, a thyroid hormone receptor agonist, a cholesterol absorption inhibitor, a lipase inhibitor, a microsomal triglyceride transfer protein inhibitor, a lipoxygenase inhibitor, a carnitine palmitoyl-

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transferase inhibitor, a squalene synthase inhibitor, a low-density lipoprotein receptor enhancer, a nicotinic acid derivative, a bile acid sequestrant, a sodium/bile acid cotransporter inhibitor, a cholesterol ester transfer protein inhibitor, an appetite suppressant, an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor, an angiotensin II receptor antagonist, an endothelin-converting enzyme inhibitor, an endothelin receptor antagonist, a diuretic agent, a calcium antagonist, a vasodilating antihypertensive agent, a sympathetic blocking agent, a centrally acting antihypertensive agent, an α_2 -adrenoceptor agonist, an antiplatelets agent, a uric acid synthesis inhibitor, a uricosuric agent and a urinary alkalinizer.

36. (currently amended): A method for the prevention or treatment of a disease associated with hyperglycemia or a disease associated with the increase of blood galactose level, which comprises administering an effective amount of (A) a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof, and (B) at least one member selected from the group consisting of an insulin sensitivity enhancer, a glucose absorption

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inhibitor, a biguanide, an insulin secretion enhancer, a SGLT2 inhibitor, an insulin or insulin analogue, a glucagon receptor antagonist, an insulin receptor kinase stimulant, a tripeptidyl peptidase II inhibitor, a dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor, a protein tyrosine phosphatase-1B inhibitor, a glycogen phosphorylase inhibitor, a glucose-6-phosphatase inhibitor, a fructose-bisphosphatase inhibitor, a pyruvate dehydrogenase inhibitor, a hepatic gluconeogenesis inhibitor, D-chiroinsitol, a glycogen synthase kinase-3 inhibitor, glucagon-like peptide-1, a glucagon-like peptide-1 analogue, a glucagon-like peptide-1 agonist, amylin, an amylin analogue, an amylin agonist, an aldose reductase inhibitor, an advanced glycation endproducts formation inhibitor, a protein kinase C inhibitor, a γ -aminobutyric acid receptor antagonist, a sodium channel antagonist, a transcript factor NF- κ B inhibitor, a lipid peroxidase inhibitor, an *N*-acetylated- α -linked-acid-dipeptidase inhibitor, insulin-like growth factor-I, platelet-derived growth factor, a platelet-derived growth factor analogue, epidermal growth factor, nerve growth factor, a carnitine derivative, uridine, 5-hydroxy-1-methylhydantoin, EGB-761, bimoclomol, sulodexide, Y-128, antidiarrhoics, cathartics, a hydroxymethylglutaryl coenzyme A reductase inhibitor, a fibric acid derivative, a β_3 -adrenoceptor agonist, an acyl-coenzyme A

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cholesterol acyltransferase inhibitor, probcol, a thyroid hormone receptor agonist, a cholesterol absorption inhibitor, a lipase inhibitor, a microsomal triglyceride transfer protein inhibitor, a lipoxygenase inhibitor, a carnitine palmitoyl-transferase inhibitor, a squalene synthase inhibitor, a low-density lipoprotein receptor enhancer, a nicotinic acid derivative, a bile acid sequestrant, a sodium/bile acid cotransporter inhibitor, a cholesterol ester transfer protein inhibitor, an appetite suppressant, an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor, an angiotensin II receptor antagonist, an endothelin-converting enzyme inhibitor, an endothelin receptor antagonist, a diuretic agent, a calcium antagonist, a vasodilating antihypertensive agent, a sympathetic blocking agent, a centrally acting antihypertensive agent, an α_2 -adrenoceptor agonist, an antiplatelets agent, a uric acid synthesis inhibitor, a uricosuric agent and a urinary alkalinizer.

37. (currently amended): A method for the inhibition of advancing impaired glucose tolerance or impaired fasting glycemia into diabetes in a subject, which comprises administering an effective amount of (A) a pyrazole derivative

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claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof, and (B) at least one member selected from the group consisting of an insulin sensitivity enhancer, a glucose absorption inhibitor, a biguanide, an insulin secretion enhancer, a SGLT2 inhibitor, an insulin or insulin analogue, a glucagon receptor antagonist, an insulin receptor kinase stimulant, a tripeptidyl peptidase II inhibitor, a dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor, a protein tyrosine phosphatase-1B inhibitor, a glycogen phosphorylase inhibitor, a glucose-6-phosphatase inhibitor, a fructose-bisphosphatase inhibitor, a pyruvate dehydrogenase inhibitor, a hepatic gluconeogenesis inhibitor, D-chiroinsitol, a glycogen synthase kinase-3 inhibitor, glucagon-like peptide-1, a glucagon-like peptide-1 analogue, a glucagon-like peptide-1 agonist, amylin, an amylin analogue, an amylin agonist, an aldose reductase inhibitor, an advanced glycation endproducts formation inhibitor, a protein kinase C inhibitor, a γ -aminobutyric acid receptor antagonist, a sodium channel antagonist, a transcript factor NF- κ B inhibitor, a lipid peroxidase inhibitor, an *N*-acetylated- α -linked-acid-dipeptidase inhibitor, insulin-like growth factor-I, platelet-derived growth factor, a platelet-derived growth factor analogue, epidermal growth factor, nerve growth factor, a

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carnitine derivative, uridine, 5-hydroxy-1-methylhydantoin, EGB-761, bimoclomol, sulodexide, Y-128, antidiarrhoics, cathartics, a hydroxymethylglutaryl coenzyme A reductase inhibitor, a fibric acid derivative, a β_3 -adrenoceptor agonist, an acyl-coenzyme A cholesterol acyltransferase inhibitor, probcol, a thyroid hormone receptor agonist, a cholesterol absorption inhibitor, a lipase inhibitor, a microsomal triglyceride transfer protein inhibitor, a lipoxygenase inhibitor, a carnitine palmitoyl-transferase inhibitor, a squalene synthase inhibitor, a low-density lipoprotein receptor enhancer, a nicotinic acid derivative, a bile acid sequestrant, a sodium/bile acid cotransporter inhibitor, a cholesterol ester transfer protein inhibitor, an appetite suppressant, an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor, an angiotensin II receptor antagonist, an endothelin-converting enzyme inhibitor, an endothelin receptor antagonist, a diuretic agent, a calcium antagonist, a vasodilating antihypertensive agent, a sympathetic blocking agent, a centrally acting antihypertensive agent, an α_2 -adrenoceptor agonist, an antiplatelets agent, a uric acid synthesis inhibitor, a uricosuric agent and a urinary alkalinizer.

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38. (currently amended): A use of (A) a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof, and (B) at least one member selected from the group consisting of an insulin sensitivity enhancer, a glucose absorption inhibitor, a biguanide, an insulin secretion enhancer, a SGLT2 inhibitor, an insulin or insulin analogue, a glucagon receptor antagonist, an insulin receptor kinase stimulant, a tripeptidyl peptidase II inhibitor, a dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor, a protein tyrosine phosphatase-1B inhibitor, a glycogen phosphorylase inhibitor, a glucose-6-phosphatase inhibitor, a fructose-bisphosphatase inhibitor, a pyruvate dehydrogenase inhibitor, a hepatic gluconeogenesis inhibitor, D-chiroinsitol, a glycogen synthase kinase-3 inhibitor, glucagon-like peptide-1, a glucagon-like peptide-1 analogue, a glucagon-like peptide-1 agonist, amylin, an amylin analogue, an amylin agonist, an aldose reductase inhibitor, an advanced glycation endproducts formation inhibitor, a protein kinase C inhibitor, a γ -aminobutyric acid receptor antagonist, a sodium channel antagonist, a transcript factor NF- κ B inhibitor, a lipid peroxidase inhibitor, an *N*-acetylated- α -linked-acid-dipeptidase inhibitor, insulin-like growth factor-I, platelet-derived growth factor, a platelet-derived growth factor

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analogue, epidermal growth factor, nerve growth factor, a carnitine derivative, uridine, 5-hydroxy-1-methylhydantoin, EGB-761, bimoclomol, sulodexide, Y-128, antidiarrhoics, cathartics, a hydroxymethylglutaryl coenzyme A reductase inhibitor, a fibric acid derivative, a β_3 -adrenoceptor agonist, an acyl-coenzyme A cholesterol acyltransferase inhibitor, probcol, a thyroid hormone receptor agonist, a cholesterol absorption inhibitor, a lipase inhibitor, a microsomal triglyceride transfer protein inhibitor, a lipoxygenase inhibitor, a carnitine palmitoyl-transferase inhibitor, a squalene synthase inhibitor, a low-density lipoprotein receptor enhancer, a nicotinic acid derivative, a bile acid sequestrant, a sodium/bile acid cotransporter inhibitor, a cholesterol ester transfer protein inhibitor, an appetite suppressant, an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor, an angiotensin II receptor antagonist, an endothelin-converting enzyme inhibitor, an endothelin receptor antagonist, a diuretic agent, a calcium antagonist, a vasodilating antihypertensive agent, a sympathetic blocking agent, a centrally acting antihypertensive agent, an α_2 -adrenoceptor agonist, an antiplatelets agent, a uric acid synthesis inhibitor, a uricosuric agent and a urinary alkalinizer, for the manufacture

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of a pharmaceutical composition for the prevention or treatment of a disease associated with hyperglycemia or a disease associated with the increase of blood galactose level.

39. (currently amended): A use of (A) a pyrazole derivative claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-18~~claim 1, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug thereof, and (B) at least one member selected from the group consisting of an insulin sensitivity enhancer, a glucose absorption inhibitor, a biguanide, an insulin secretion enhancer, a SGLT2 inhibitor, an insulin or insulin analogue, a glucagon receptor antagonist, an insulin receptor kinase stimulant, a tripeptidyl peptidase II inhibitor, a dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor, a protein tyrosine phosphatase-1B inhibitor, a glycogen phosphorylase inhibitor, a glucose-6-phosphatase inhibitor, a fructose-bisphosphatase inhibitor, a pyruvate dehydrogenase inhibitor, a hepatic gluconeogenesis inhibitor, D-chiroinsitol, a glycogen synthase kinase-3 inhibitor, glucagon-like peptide-1, a glucagon-like peptide-1 analogue, a glucagon-like peptide-1 agonist, amylin, an amylin analogue, an amylin agonist, an aldose reductase inhibitor, an advanced glycation endproducts formation inhibitor, a protein kinase C inhibitor, a γ -aminobutyric acid receptor antagonist, a sodium channel

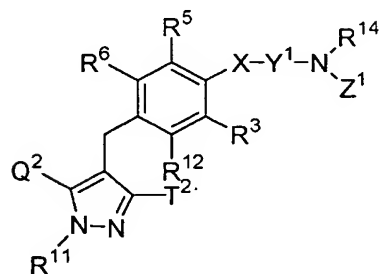
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antagonist, a transcript factor NF- κ B inhibitor, a lipid peroxidase inhibitor, an *N*-acetylated- α -linked-acid-dipeptidase inhibitor, insulin-like growth factor-I, platelet-derived growth factor, a platelet-derived growth factor analogue, epidermal growth factor, nerve growth factor, a carnitine derivative, uridine, 5-hydroxy-1-methylhydantoin, EGB-761, bimoclomol, sulodexide, Y-128, antidiarrhoics, cathartics, a hydroxymethylglutaryl coenzyme A reductase inhibitor, a fibric acid derivative, a β_3 -adrenoceptor agonist, an acyl-coenzyme A cholesterol acyltransferase inhibitor, probcol, a thyroid hormone receptor agonist, a cholesterol absorption inhibitor, a lipase inhibitor, a microsomal triglyceride transfer protein inhibitor, a lipoxygenase inhibitor, a carnitine palmitoyl-transferase inhibitor, a squalene synthase inhibitor, a low-density lipoprotein receptor enhancer, a nicotinic acid derivative, a bile acid sequestrant, a sodium/bile acid cotransporter inhibitor, a cholesterol ester transfer protein inhibitor, an appetite suppressant, an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor, an angiotensin II receptor antagonist, an endothelin-converting enzyme inhibitor, an endothelin receptor antagonist, a diuretic agent, a calcium antagonist, a vasodilating antihypertensive

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agent, a sympathetic blocking agent, a centrally acting antihypertensive agent, an α_2 -adrenoceptor agonist, an antiplatelets agent, a uric acid synthesis inhibitor, a uricosuric agent and a urinary alkalinizer, for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition for the inhibition of advancing impaired glucose tolerance or impaired fasting glycemia into diabetes in a subject.

40. (original): A pyrazole derivative represented by the general formula:



wherein

R¹¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, a hydroxy(C₂₋₆ alkyl) group which may have a protective group, a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl group, a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group which may have a

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protective group, an amino group which may have a protective group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, or an aryl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, an amino group which may have a protective group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group on the ring;

one of Q² and T² represents a 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-glucopyranosyloxy group, a 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-pivaloyl-β-D-glucopyranosyloxy group, a 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyloxy group or a 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-pivaloyl-β-D-galactopyranosyloxy group, while the other represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a halo(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group or a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl group;

R¹² represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a halo(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a halo(C₁₋₆ alkoxy) group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkoxy) group, a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl-substituted (C₂₋₆ alkoxy) group

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or $-A-R^{1A}$ in which A represents a single bond, an oxygen atom, a methylene group, an ethylene group, $-OCH_2-$ or $-CH_2O-$; and R^{1A} represents a C_{3-7} cycloalkyl group, a C_{2-6} heterocycloalkyl group, an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, an amino group which may have a protective group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a C_{2-6} alkenyloxy group, a halo(C_{1-6} alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C_{1-6} alkyl) group which may have a protective group, a carboxy group which may have a protective group, a C_{2-7} alkoxy carbonyl group, a cyano group and a nitro group, or a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom and a C_{1-6} alkyl group;

X represents a single bond, an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;

Y^1 represents a C_{1-6} alkylene group which may be substituted by a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, or a C_{2-6} alkenylene group;

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Z^{1} represents $-R^{1B}$, $-\text{COR}^{1C}$, $-\text{SO}_2R^{1C}$, $-\text{CON}(R^{1D})R^{1E}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NHR}^{1F}$
or $-\text{C}(=\text{NR}^{1G})\text{N}(R^{1H})R^{1I}$;

R^{1C} represents an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, an amino group which may have a protective group, a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonylamino group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group and a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an amino group which may have a protective group and a C_{1-6} alkyl group, or a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (ii);

R^{14} , R^{1B} , R^{1D} , R^{1E} and R^{1F} are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, an amino group which may have a protective group, a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonylamino group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group and a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a heteroaryl group which may have

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a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an amino group which may have a protective group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (ii), or both of R¹⁴ and R^{1B} bind together with the neighboring nitrogen atom to form a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group which may have a protective group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, or both of R^{1D} and R^{1E} bind together with the neighboring nitrogen atom to form a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group which may have a protective group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group;

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R^{1G} , R^{1H} and R^{1I} are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a carbamoyl group, a C₂₋₇ acyl group, a C₂₋₇ alkoxy carbonyl group, an aryl(C₂₋₇ alkoxy carbonyl) group, a nitro group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group, a sulfamide group, a carbamimidoyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 5 groups selected from the following substituent group (ii), or both of R^{1G} and R^{1H} bind to form an ethylene group, or both of R^{1H} and R^{1I} bind together with the neighboring nitrogen atom to form a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group which may have a protective group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group;

R^3 , R^5 and R^6 are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group or a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group; and

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substituent group (ii) consists of a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, an amino group which may have a protective group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino group which may have a protective group, a mono or di[hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl)]amino group which may have a protective group, an ureido group, a sulfamide group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)ureido group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)sulfamide group, a C₂₋₇ acylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group, a carboxy group which may have a protective group, a C₂₋₇ alkoxycarbonyl group, -CON(R^{1J})R^{1K} in which R^{1J} and R^{1K} are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, an amino group which may have a protective group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)amino group which may have a protective group, a mono or di[hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl)]amino group which may have a protective group, an ureido group, a mono or di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)ureido group, a C₂₋₇ acylamino group, a C₁₋₆

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alkylsulfonylamino group and a carbamoyl group, or both of R^{1J} and R^{1K} bind together with the neighboring nitrogen atom to form a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group which may have a protective group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, an aryl(C₁₋₆ alkoxy) group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, an amino group which may have a protective group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group on the ring, an aryl(C₁₋₆ alkylthio) group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, an amino group which may have a protective group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group on the ring, a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl group, a C₂₋₆ heterocycloalkyl group, an aryl group which may have the same or different 1 to 3 substituents

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selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, an amino group which may have a protective group, a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an amino group which may have a protective group and a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₂₋₆ cyclic amino group which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group which may have a protective group, a carbamoyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, an oxo group, a carbamoyl(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, a hydroxy(C₁₋₆ alkyl) group which may have a protective group and a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino-substituted (C₁₋₆ alkyl) group, and a C₁₋₄ aromatic cyclic amino group which may have a C₁₋₆ alkyl group as a substituent, or a salt thereof.